Assistance by Rashtriya Awas Bank in Assam

†1009. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance provided by Rashtriya Awas Bank during the last three years to the people of Assam for the construction of houses; and

(b) the extent of success achieved by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Rashtriya Awas Bank [National Housing Bank (NHB)] does not provide direct financial assistance to the individuals for the construction of houses. However, NHB have extended re-finance assistance of Rs. 42.96 lakhs through the Primary Lending Institutions *i.e.* approved Housing Finance Companies for construction of 96 dwelling units during the last three years in the state of Assam.

Strike in banks

1010. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the frequency of strikes in nationalised banks since 1999-2000 as on date;

(b) the main causes of strike and remedial measures taken in each case; and

(c) the stern action proposed to be taken by Government against the concerned bank employees who are found involved in such strikes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Indian Banks' Association (IBA) have reported that during the year 1999 and 2000, the Bank Employees/Officers went on Industrial Level strike 5 times.

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